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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **JUDICIARY OFFERS FREE SEMINAR: "CAN I REPRESENT MYSELF OR DO I NEED A LAWYER?"**

The Hawai'i State Judiciary is sponsoring a free, informational session on the topic, "Can I Represent Myself or Do I Need a Lawyer?," from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2003, in the Supreme Court courtroom, 417 South King Street (behind the King Kamehameha statue).

District Court Judge David Lo will give information on how a person can handle small claims and regular claims cases without legal representation. Family Court Judge R. Mark Browning will provide a general overview of the types of Family Court matters that can be handled without legal representation.

Judge Lo, who was previously in private practice and served as a per diem judge, has been a judge for the District Court of the First Judicial Circuit since August 2000. He received his law degree from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific.

Judge Browning graduated from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. He was in private practice and served as a per diem judge before his appointment as a family court judge for the First Judicial Circuit in June 1997. He is currently the presiding judge of the Juvenile Drug Court.

The "Lunch 'n' Learn the Law" program is a series of free informational seminars for the general public featuring topics relating to specific areas of the law and the courts. Volunteer presenters include judges, attorneys, court officials, and other subject-matter experts.

For more information, contact the Judiciary's Public Affairs Office at 539-4909.

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